

Revitalizing a Maritime Community under Portfields – Year One Status Report

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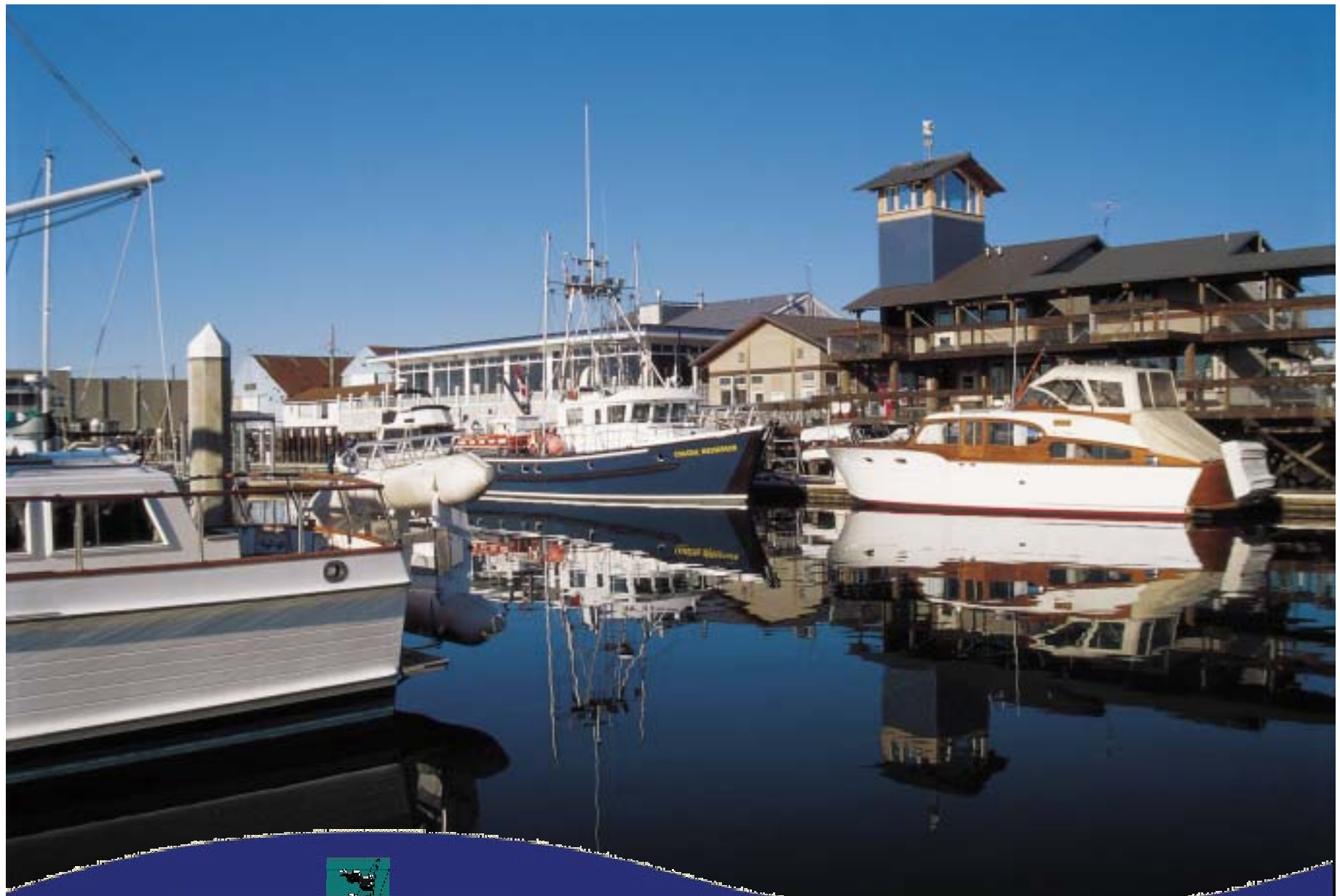
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Working Waterfront



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Recreational Boating



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Ferry Service

Community in Transition

- Environmental Stewardship
- Changing Economy
- Community Interests



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Historic Contamination



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Environmental Cleanup



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Industrial Economy



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Job Loss



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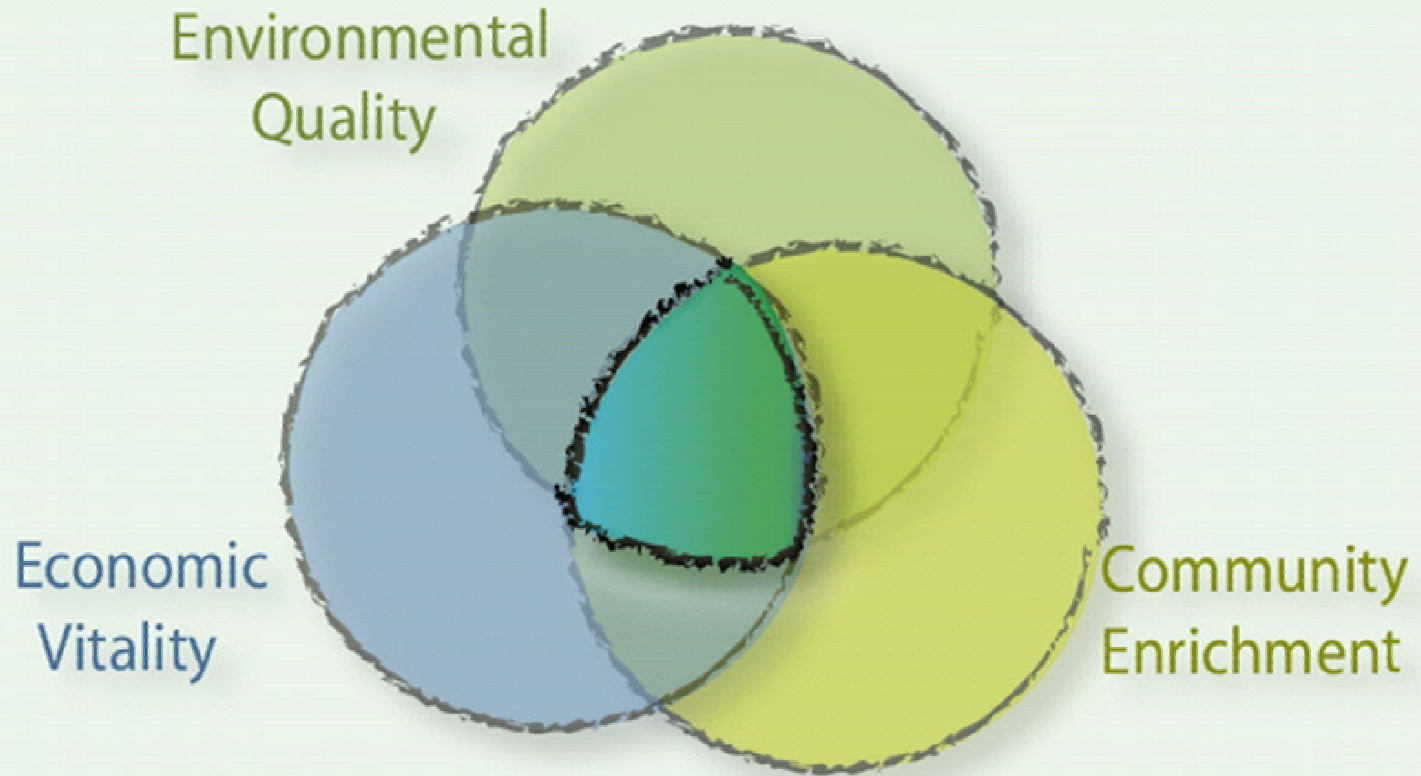
New Economy



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Community Connections

The New Model



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Local Strategic Initiatives

- Bellingham Bay Demonstration Pilot
- Waterfront Futures Group
- Partnership for a Sustainable Economy



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Bellingham Bay Sites

Weldcraft Steel & Marine

Marine Services NW

I & J Waterway

Central Waterfront

Holly Street Landfill

Whatcom Waterway

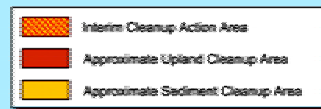
Chlor-Alkali Facility

RG Haley

Cornwall Ave Landfill

Taylor Avenue Dock

Harris Avenue Shipyard



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Comprehensive Cleanup

Waterfront Futures Group



Bellingham Portfields Project- Year One Status Report


- Restoration-Squalicum Waterway
- Waterfront Security-USCG Facility
- Redevelopment-Central Waterfront
- Legacy-Sustainability Institute




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Portfields Agency Roles

 **NOAA** Portfields leadership and strategic agency coordination

 **USACE** Planning, permitting, channel maintenance, beneficial re-use of dredge material

 **EPA** Active participation and grant funding

 **EDA** Support for infrastructure and job replacement

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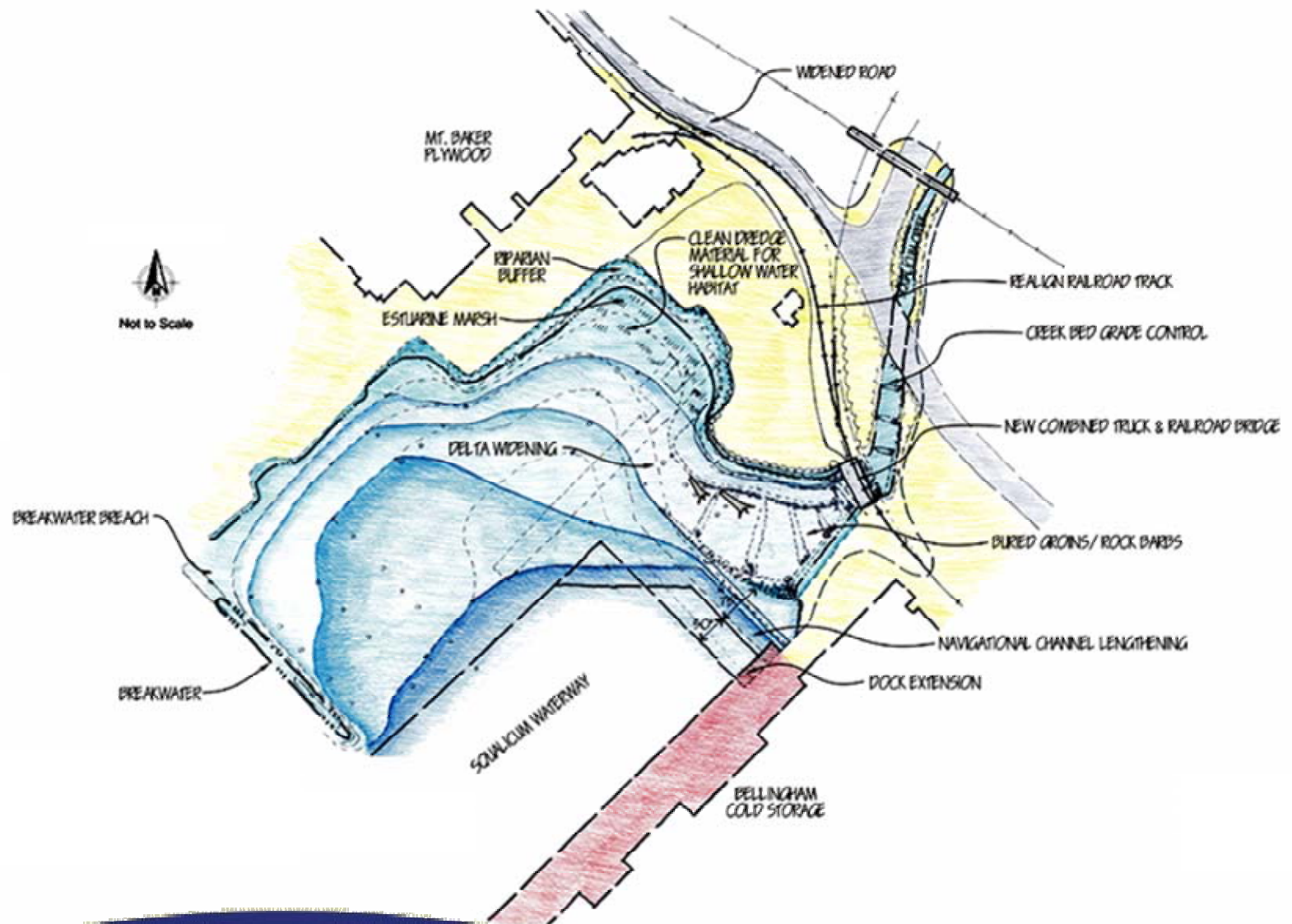
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Squalicum Waterway Restoration



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Homeland Security Issues

Post 9/11 Expansion of Bellingham Station (Border Issues)



Security Requirements for Cargo, Ferries, Marinas



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Central Waterfront Redevelopment

- Current Conditions
- Crisis of Opportunity
- Key Redevelopment Themes

Current Conditions



Marinas

Parks

Commercial

Industrial



Central Waterfront

Crisis of Opportunity

- Industrial-Based Cleanup Proposal
- Bulk Sale of Industrial Property
- Community Growth Management

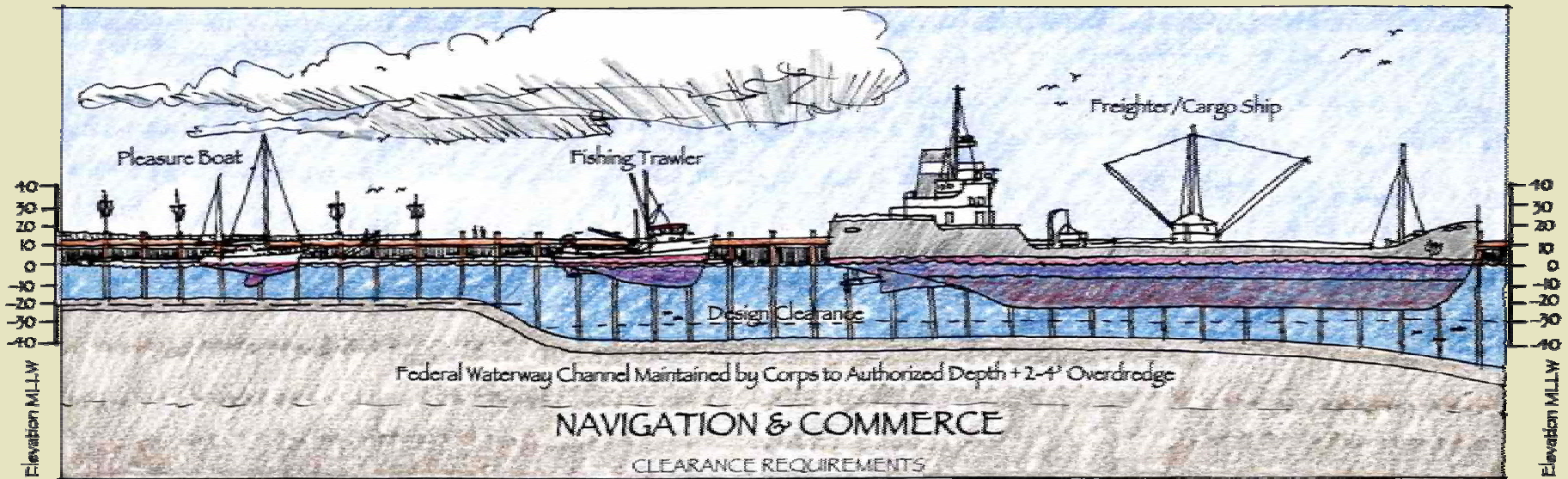


Key Redevelopment Themes

- Re-evaluate Navigation Needs
- Upland Community Needs
- Meeting Marina Demand

Navigation/Commerce Evaluation

- Limited Cargo Opportunity
- Channel Maintenance Decisions



Property Development Opportunities

- Community Character and Land use
- Urban Infill Solution
- Integrate Cleanup and Re-Use





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Central Waterfront

Improved Community Access



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Preliminary Artist Rendering



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Central Waterfront

Marina Conversion

“Setting a New Standard”

- Restoration of 28 Acres to Aquatic Land
- Creation of 4 Acres of Critical Nearshore Habitat
- Restoration Credit for Waterfront Projects
- Meet Projected Moorage Demand
- Establish Waterfront Character

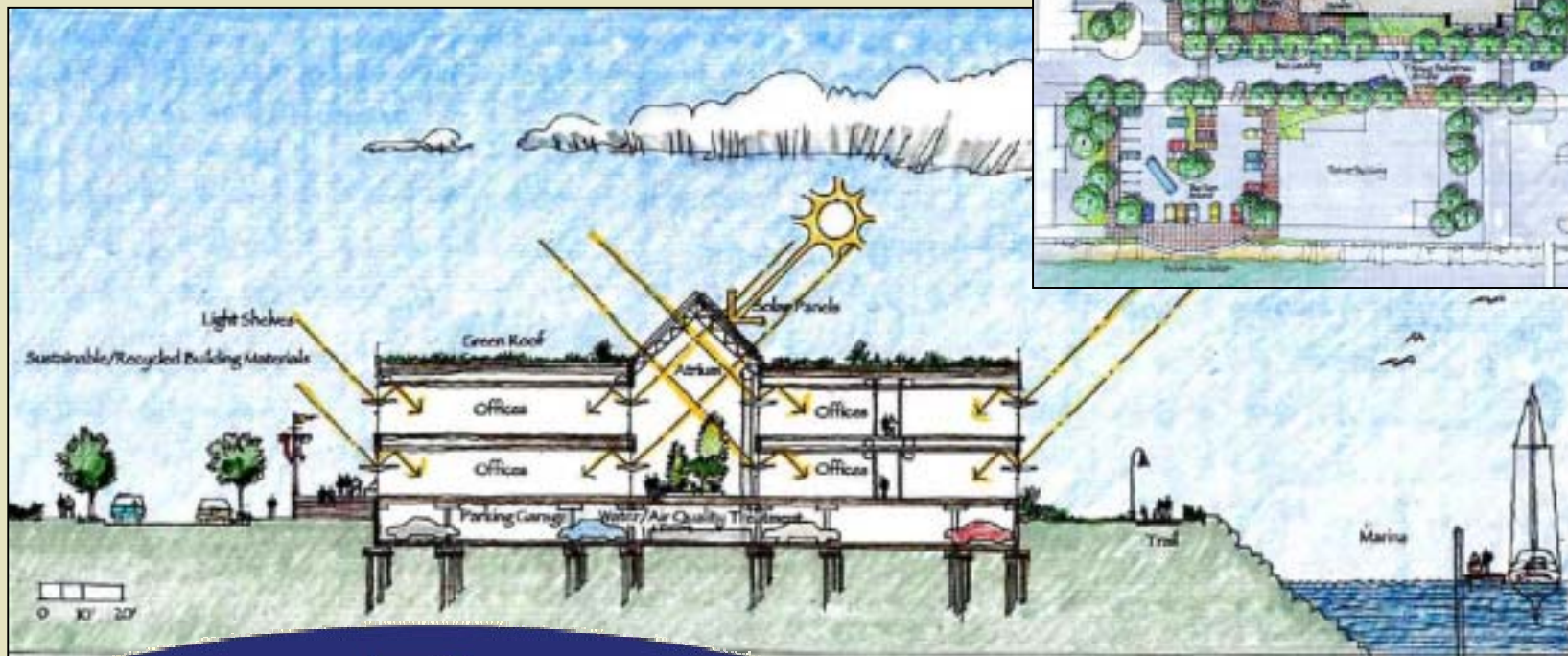
WATERFRONT CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY

- Economic & Business Research
- Waterfront Revitalization
- Habitat Restoration
- Potential Partnerships:
Academic Programs, Agencies,
Private Sector, NGO's



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Waterfront Center for Sustainability

Bellingham Portfields Project-

- **Fundamental changes in the local economy**
 - active community response
- **Public ownership of the waterfront**
 - establishing character and uses
- **Coalition for a sustainable future**
 - Port leadership through Portfields
- **Marina Expansion**
 - unique shoreline restoration opportunity
- **Building partnerships for success**
 - state and federal funding is essential

Portfields Agencies Make a Difference



Providing expertise

- national perspective and reference



Opening doors

- coordinate delivery of federal resources



Building capacity

- improving the potential for local government



Encouraging public involvement

- building on success



Exporting best practices

- developing new national policies



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